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## Bridges' Fall E-Newsletter!

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### Summit School Supplies Distribution:

Just before school started in September, 353 Summit children eligible for free or reduced price lunches were provided with new backpacks and school supplies to start their school year. The children ranged in age from Pre-K to high school seniors, and on both of the distribution days the lines to get into the Oakes Center wound down the street.

For the fifth year, the Christ Child Society and Bridges Outreach collaborated to collect and purchase hundreds of binders, spiral and

composition notebooks, pens, pencils and much more. Bridges, Summit schools, and St. Teresa's served as donation collection points for school supply donations. Additional supplies were purchased through grants from The Central Presbyterian Church of Summit, The Junior League of Summit, The Summit Area Public Foundation and The Summit Luminary Fund.



Christ Child Society co-chairs Sally Golding (L) and Jane Murphy prepare for the School Supplies Distribution days.



People lined up down the street on both of the School Supplies Distribution.

### **Teens Tackle Homelessness Summer Events and Fall Plans:**

Even throughout the hot summer days our Teens Tackle Homelessness (TTH) group continued their outreach. The teens threw a summer party for children living at the Emergency Shelter at Newark's YMCA, went on a Bridges Run, and had a picnic with the children at Harmony House. They also spent a day building with Habitat for Humanity in Morristown. The teens were enthusiastic and engaged at each activity.



## Building with Habitat for Humanity in Morristown

The group has just started up for this school year; it's not too late to get involved! The teens are planning a lot of activities this year, including the TTH Conference in late winter/early spring. They meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m at the Oakes Center. For more information, contact Dan RosenHanst at [volunteerbridges@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerbridges@gmail.com) or (908) 273-0176.



Some of the members of this year's Teens Tackle Homelessness Group

### **Volunteer Spotlight:**

Twelve year old Ben Hutkin has been making sustainable lunches and toiletry kits for Bridges since September. Ben asked family, friends and local corporations to help by donating money or making sustainable lunches and toiletry kits. Ben's family recently had a yard sale to help raise money for his project. So far, Ben has raised \$1,025 and has made 240 lunches and 100 toiletry kits.

"As part of preparing to become a Bar Mitzvah, I wanted to do a mitzvah project, in which you do something to help others." Ben said. "I saw the program that Bridges runs providing bagged lunches and toiletry kits to the homeless and I thought, 'Wow, these people could really use my help!'" Ben's goal is to make 500 lunches and toiletry kits before his Bar Mitzvah.

Thank you, Ben, for all of your hard work! Best of luck in reaching your goal.



Ben making sustainable lunches.

To help make sustainable lunches, toiletry kits or collect other necessities for Bridges Outreach contact Dan RosenHanst at (908) 273-0176 or [volunteerbridges@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerbridges@gmail.com).

### **Get Ready for the Holidays! Gift Giving Made Easy:**

Now available on Bridges' website, "Happy Days" note cards illustrated by

Helen Frank, exclusively for Bridges.

These one-of-a-kind 3x5 blank note cards contains 2 copies of 6 different designs (shown below). They make wonderful gifts, and come wrapped and ready for gift-giving. \$12 per set of 12 cards and envelopes.

Also available on the website are Holiday Donation Cards. Make a donation to Bridges, and we will send you a holiday donation card that acknowledges your donation to Bridges for you to deliver to the recipient.

Donation cards are great gifts for that special someone who has everything. The cards make perfect teacher and holiday party hostess gifts, too! Order note cards and donation cards from Bridges' website [here](#).



Top: Images of Notecard  
Designs;  
Bottom: Gift Card Example

## **Newark Through the Eyes of the Homeless - Photography Program:**

Thanks in part to a grant from the Arts Council of New Jersey, Bridges is conducting a six month-long photography program for Newark Project Connect clients. The fledgling photographers get instruction and direction from Akintol: Hanif, a Newark-based professional photographer and college professor. People participating in the program have greatly enjoyed the respite from their daily lives and learning about photography.

A Fox news team filmed the group for the evening news last Thursday, and a Star Ledger reporter published an article about the program. Read the article [here](#).

The program will finish in the spring with an exhibit and sale of the photographers' best works.





Budding photographers heading out with Akintola Hanif (R, in navy cap)



Getting tips from Akintola (R)

## New Funding:

- Arts Council of New Jersey

- BJs Foundation
- Christ Church of Summit
- Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey
- Hillsdale Fund

### **Bridges' Annual Appeal:**

**OUR ANNUAL APPEAL IS IN THE MAIL AND AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE NOW. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN - YOUR GIFT WILL CHANGE LIVES.**

## **THANK YOU**

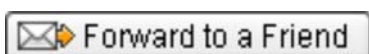
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